

with the emergency clause? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1096 of the Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 878E passes with the emergency clause. We're concluded with Final Reading. The next item, quite frankly this is usually the high point of the legislative year. Usually, Senator Abboud, the balcony is full when this happens but they must not have heard today. We have a motion by Senator Abboud as the next item under consideration. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Abboud would move for the introduction of bill Requests 2106 and 2107 by the Business and Labor Committee.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBODD: Mr. President and colleagues, are we taking up the requests together then?

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is my understanding that this is a single motion to allow for the introduction of two bills.

SENATOR ABBODD: Okay, the two requests, Request 2106 is the disallowance of claims against the State of Nebraska, which have been denied by the State Claims Board and referred to the Legislature. Request 2107 is to approve certain claims against the State of Nebraska and to provide for their payment. It also allows for certain write-offs against the State of Nebraska as well. This is an annual event, as Senator Withem stated. It usually draws a big crowd, but this year they must not have known about it. So, this year we are a little bit, we just received the bills two days ago, so we are a little bit behind, but I am sure we will have plenty of time to get these bills addressed. The process is that these bills will be introduced today. There will be a hearing in probably seven days, and after that, they will be sent to the floor of the Legislature. The claims, I might also add, for just your own benefit, they total, there is three different types of claims. The first would be Miscellaneous Claims, they total approximately 25,000; the Tort Claims total approximately 665,000; and the write-offs, which are basically bad debts or bad checks, total 748,000. And